



Kenton County Fire Chief's Association

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Chairman: Chief Paul LaFontaine

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Meeting Minutes – Held on 05/15/2025. The meeting was hosted by the Ft. Wright Fire Department.

Treasurer Rick Messingschlager called the regular meeting to order at 1200 hours and led the attendants with the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: All departments were represented except Ft. Mitchell, Independence and Erlanger.

MINUTES: Motion to accept the April 2025 meeting minutes by M. Steward and seconded by S. Rigney. Motion passed.

GUESTS: Anyweather, St. Elizabeth, American Red Cross, KCECC, KCTCS, Paul See, Jared Robertson from Boone County ECC.

Jared discussed some upgrades to the BCECC, specifically that they now have all Kenton, Gallatin and Grant County addresses built into their system. Jared will be reaching out to the Fire Departments/Districts that surround Boone County for updated information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIR TRUCK: T. Dickman reported. 0 runs this past month. Light towers are still in the process of being repaired.

FIRE INVESTIGATION: No report.

BUDGET: Budget has been submitted and approved with no changes.

BYLAWS: No report.

HSEMA: S. Hensley reported. Steve spoke regarding a potential Haz-Mat and NKTRT merger study. Boone County and Kenton County EMA's are supportive.

A motion was made by C. Deye and seconded by M. Steward for KCFA support. Motion passed.

Paul See will be coming around to touch the radios for Link Layer.

MUTUAL AID: S. Hensley reported that KACO and KLC are working on a statewide mutual aid agreement. There will be more in the future

RADIO: No report.

TRAINING: M. Steward reported that 22 students graduated the KCFA recruit class. Thanks to all that made this happen.

T. Morgan reported that IFSAC 1 and 2 tests will be conducted soon.
January 1, 2026 all IFSAC tests will be compliant with the new standard.
August 2025 the degree program starts and will be conducted Monday through Thursday nights.
A new 78 foot Rosenbauer aerial was delivered to SFRT and is available for training.
The driver simulator trailer should be available soon in this region.

TRAINING FACILITY: C. Deye reported that Chairman LaFontaine and himself met with Duke Energy concerning the training center build.
Cardinal Engineering is working on the details for the retention pond. The mechanical engineer is making progress.
Motion by C. Deye and second by M. Steward to pay the \$13,000 Hoape bill. Motion passed.
S. Hensley reminded everyone to submit any bills you may have for the County in the near future since it is the end of the fiscal year.

EMS:

J. Cox reported. 27 EMT school graduates. The new EMT class will cost \$950. Monthly EMS classes are ongoing. EMS week will be next week.

TREASURER: R. Messingschlager reported. Motion by C. Dietz and seconded by C. Hopple to approve the April 2025 report as submitted. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: S. Hensley reported that his office is awaiting the level of FEMA assistance designation for those involved.
Katie Dusing was introduced to the group and is the new Asst. Director of KCECC.

GOOD and WELFARE: Kay Vonderschmidt, long time Paramedic passed away.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by M. Steward and second by J. Schleue. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1235 hours.

Next meeting will be held on June 19, 2025 and will be hosted by the Covington Fire Department at the Kenton County EOC.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert T. Dreyer

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